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PHA LESSONS LEARNED BY PILOT SITES RELEASED

A NAVADMIN Message was recently released (R 171426Z SEP 02) outlining some helpful processes and recommendations from Camp Lejeune, Pearl Harbor and Yokosuka on the lessons learned from their 6 month pilot period (Jan-Jun 02) for Preventive Health Assessment (PHA) implementation. Tips related to determining the recall process, identifying a command champion, and determining a documentation process were addressed. The message gives some specific useful directions. For example: Non-credentialed providers should use ADS code V70.5_2 (Periodical Preventive Exam) and E & M code 99211 when documenting a PHA visit. This was a second in a series of NAVADMIN messages since the OPNAVINST 6120.3 established the Navy and Marine Corps requirements for the Preventive Health Assessment in Dec 01. There is a one year timeline for full implementation of the requirements of the instruction. PHA was directed by the Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps for the purpose of consolidating medical, occupational health and risk screening services, medical record review, preventive counseling, and risk communication under the umbrella of an annual assessment for all active duty (AD) men and women. The OPNAV and NAVADMIN messages can be found on the NEHC HP Web pages at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/index.htm>. Click on "Preventive Health Assessment". Also available at the site are a sampling of tools from various commands that are being used for PHA implementation. Commands are asked to utilize and improve upon pilot site experiences as they comply with the OPNAV. Please share any helpful locally developed tools and feedback to the NEHC POC, Steve Heaston at heastons@nehc.med.navy.mil.

FAREWELL TO CAPT DEBBIE MCKAY

The Navy Environmental Health Center (NEHC) bids farewell to CAPT Debbie McKay, Director, Health Promotion and Population Health. CAPT McKay began her tour with NEHC in July 1998. During her tenure, CAPT McKay provided leadership on the strategic direction for Navy health promotion and was influential in the development of numerous prevention initiatives resulting in an increase in the quality of command programs that receive the "Excellence in Health Promotion" Award and ships obtaining the Green "H" Award. A strong supporter and catalyst for training, she guided her staff in the certification of over 400 persons as Health Promotion Directors. Numerous train the trainer and specialty courses such as Health Promotion Basics, HIV/STD Prevention Counseling, and ShipShape were developed and implemented during her tenure. In 2001, she helped organize the first DOD Health Promotion/Population Health Conference involving leaders from the Army and Air Force. The success of this endeavor prompted plans to continue a combined DoD Population Health/Health Promotion Conference in the years ahead. Her many contributions markedly expanded the reach and effectiveness of Health Promotion throughout the total force. CAPT McKay was recently awarded a Gold Star in lieu of Second Award for the Meritorious Service Medal for her accomplishments during her four-year tour at NEHC. She reports to TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) in Falls Church, VA on 18 October. CAPT McKay will be greatly missed. We wish her "fair winds and following seas", professional satisfaction and success in her new assignment.



"Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway." -Mary Kay Ash

